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Subject: EPA Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Funding - FY19 solicitation for project proposals

Dear Honorable Tribal Leader:

EPA is pleased to invite tribes to apply for Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside (DWTSA) funds for drinking water infrastructure projects. This program provides funding for tribes within Region 9 (California, Nevada, and Arizona) for public drinking water system infrastructure projects that address high priority public health risks. EPA awards funds through direct grants to tribes or interagency agreements with the Indian Health Service. We anticipate that approximately \$7 million of FY19 funds may be available, subject to EPA's final FY19 appropriation. In addition, higher priority projects that EPA is not able to fund using FY19 funds may be considered for anticipated FY20 funds.

The full announcement, guidance, and project proposal form are available at <https://www.epa.gov/tribal/region-9-drinking-water-tribal-set-aside-program>. Please note that to be considered for funding, **proposals must be received by November 9, 2018** and must be submitted with a tribal government endorsement. All construction project applications must include a completed preliminary engineering report (PER) and any supporting documentation. Applications for planning projects must include a detailed project proposal, description of the health deficiency that would be addressed, a proposed budget, and a timeline for project completion.

DWTSA awards do not typically require matching funds. However, in cases where commercial entities and/or non-tribal populations receive water from the public water system benefiting from the DWTSA award, EPA may require the tribe to provide a funding contribution proportional to the water demand of the commercial entity and/or non-tribal populations. In addition, to encourage more sustainable water use levels, EPA will continue to require a funding contribution for water systems using over 150 gallons per capita per day for projects whose costs are correlated with water usage. In such instances, the required contribution would be proportional to the amount of water use above 150 gallons per capita per day.

All federally recognized tribes within EPA Region 9 (California, Nevada, and Arizona) are eligible to apply, and funds can be used for any public water system that serves tribal members. Public water systems in significant noncompliance with national primary drinking water regulations are not eligible for funding, unless the project that is being funded will ensure compliance. To be eligible for funding, the Safe Drinking Water Act requires that a tribe must have adequate technical, financial, and managerial capacity to operate and maintain the public water system.

As in previous years, EPA Region 9 implements a Greening Grants Policy that encourages voluntary efforts to incorporate sustainability practices into EPA grant funded programs and projects. When grant workplans are developed, EPA Project Officers will work with tribal staff to identify potential ways for the tribe to carry out EPA funded work in an environmentally sustainable way. The Policy includes examples of sustainability practices, including environmentally preferable purchasing, green building, green meetings, and alternatives to travel.

If you have any questions about this solicitation please contact me at (415) 972-3969 or rapicavoli.emmanuelle@epa.gov. If you have questions about a specific project, please contact your drinking water program manager.

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Sincerely,

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Please: All data submittals to our office should be sent by email to datamanager@epa.gov with a copy to me (or your project manager in the Drinking Water Office). Data reports are due no later than the 10th of the month following the month that you receive results, or the 10th of the month following the compliance period, whichever comes first. Please include the whole lab report and copy of the Chain of Custody. Label with PWS name and number; & source or distribution system location codes or names for data collection points.